



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 28, 2006

H.R. 383

Ice Age Floods National Geologic Route Designation Act of 2006

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 19, 2006

H.R. 383 would establish the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Route. The route would be primarily an auto route along existing highways and roads between Missoula, Montana, and the Pacific Ocean in the Pacific Northwest, following the path of the Ice Age floods approximately 17,000 years ago. H.R. 383 would authorize the appropriation of \$250,000 annually for the National Park Service (NPS) to identify the route with signs and markers, develop an interpretive program, and report to the Congress.

Assuming appropriation of the specified amount each year, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend \$1.25 million over the 2007-2011 period to develop and maintain the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Route. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 383 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On October 5, 2005, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 206, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail Designation Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on September 28, 2005. Both pieces of legislation would establish an auto route along the path of the Ice Age floods but have different provisions. The Senate version would authorize the appropriation of \$12 million for developing the trail; the House version would authorize the appropriation of \$250,000 annually.

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